

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a CPA application for restoration of grass and brushland habitat in a ten acre section of the Mineral Hills;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan to preserve agricultural and rural character and remove invasive species;

WHEREAS, the project will create habitat that may be suitable for endangered species, and potentially restored agricultural land, and was recommended as a priority in a forest stewardship plan, as well as Laurie Sanders' *Rediscovering Northampton 2015*, a management plan for conservation areas;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$3,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$3,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton OPS for the Mineral Hills Habitat Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$3,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).